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Three Arizona Latter-day Saint Women to Watch

by Merry Gordon

Sister Sheri L. Dew, CEO of Deseret Books and former Second Counselor in the Relief Society General Presidency, called women "the Lord's secret weapon." She went on to say, "It is time for us to wake up to the potential magnitude of our full influence as latter-day women of God and then to arise and do what we were sent here to do."

In this issue, The Arizona Beehive highlights three Arizona Latter-day Saint women who do just that.

Evie Clair

"I know that I am never alone."

As a singer, songwriter and reality TV personality, Evie Clair Abplanalp has packed a lifetime's worth of experience into her short sixteen years on earth.

Her meteoric rise on the twelfth season of *America's Got Talent* coincided with her father's declining health, and Amos Abplanalp died of colon cancer the day before his daughter advanced to the finals. She competed anyway, to overwhelming acclaim.

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America's Got Talent finalist Evie Clair shoots a music video outdoors.

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"I learned from my dad to never give up," Evie says, "and always do my best."

While Evie didn't win the competition, she did put out successful albums—most recently, *Okay Day*, which hit the iTunes Top 50 pop chart—and has had her songs featured in films and commercials.

"I've been fairly successful in the music I've released, but looking back at my old original songs and covers compared to now, I think it's crazy how much I didn't know I didn't know," she says. "I've learned so much about not only music, but about myself as a performer, musician, big sister, friend and daughter."

Through all her success, Evie, a member of the Magma Ranch Ward, San Tan Valley Stake, has never lost sight of what matters. For her, that's the strength of sisterhood in the gospel.

"I have found so much comfort and stability through my sisters in Zion," she says. "From my own mother, sisters, step-sisters and other extended family to the young women in my ward and stake and friends worldwide, I've been able to create a network of support. I know that I am never alone."

When she thinks of successful women, Evie's mother tops the list. "To sit down and look at all my mother can accomplish in just one day is truly extraordinary. She's so selfless and is hardly ever thinking about what she can do for herself."

Evie sees gratitude as the best way forward for women, both in and out of the Church: "If we all just take a little more time out . . . we will be able to see and find more gratitude in our hearts for others."

Photo by Nick McCabe - FRP
Singer and songwriter Evie Clair has a special moment onstage.

Natalie Moore

"My foundation is immovable."

Natalie Moore is a fighter.

At 38, she's been a Type-1 insulin-resistant diabetic for most of her life and has experienced chronic back pain and anxiety. She is unflinching when she talks about her health struggles, noting that her openness paves the way for others to recognize and deal with their own physical trials.

"Trials and tribulations suck, but they don't have to suck the life out of your life," jokes Natalie.

She's also a single sister, never married, and a newly-called Relief Society president in the Sun Valley Ward, Peoria Stake.

Photo courtesy of Natalie Moore
Natalie Moore's great sense of humor and deep understanding of her relationship with the Lord carries her through life's trials.

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...and whoso shall publish peace, yea, tidings of great joy, how beautiful upon the mountains they shall be! (1Nephi 13:37)

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"You, my brothers and sisters, are among those men, women, and children whom Nephi saw. **Think of that!"**

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You may have noticed that our previous issue was March/April, and this is June/July. What happened to May? Kind of like the old "seven eight nine" joke, June ate May. We moved May/June to June/July due to the pandemic shenanigans, which rendered many of our distribution locations undeliverable.

It is tempting to fill the pages of this issue with stories of how we Latter-day Saints have been dealing with a "virulent virus." Not tempting enough, however, to actually do so, as we all crave reading about anything but coronavirus. So we focus this issue on the remarkable women of The Church, both in the past and present day. However, as I write these words, The Church published a 15 page "Guidelines for Safely Returning to Church Meetings and Activities." A reminder that the virus is never very far away. But we are closer to once again gathering together, which will for sure bring "tidings of great joy!" Thank you for reading...

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—Joe Farnsworth, President- CEO Farnsworth Realty & Management Company

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Photo courtesy of Natalie Moore

Natalie Moore, recently called to be her ward's Relief Society president, says of women, "Our place is in the gospel. We are imperative and crucial."

"I've seen people dismiss my opinion because I'm single, dismiss my contributions, or ability to contribute because I'm single," she says. But Natalie knows better than to discount her own worth.

"To find my place somewhere in the middle of a church with some myopic sights set on culture or tradition instead of gospel has been tough. But I'm stronger, and my foundation is immovable," she says. "What I mean when I tell people, I'm happy being single, it's just that: I'm happy, I'm single, so I am happy being single. You can be happy in a moment and have hopes and dreams of the 'what ifs'."

Natalie thinks that while women face many challenges in this world, they are often their own biggest enemies.

"Whenever we compare ourselves to others, whenever we second guess, or find fault in ourselves, we set ourselves up for failure … if we believe or have faith in the Lord, that He knows all, and He sent us here for this life, then why do we beat ourselves up so much when we sin?" she asks. "If we believe that the Lord knows all these things, then he surely knows and understands that we are human."

That human connection is what Natalie strives for as a Relief Society president and daughter of God.

Susan Whettan Udall

"I have the gift of being a connector."

Susan Whettan Udall considers herself an "equal opportunity friend." Certainly, the people whose lives she has influenced through her work at the Mesa Welcome Center for Immigrants and in the Church's Immigrant Services program would agree with her.

The daughter of an educator mother and an immigrant father committed to achieving the American Dream, Susan learned—and eventually led. As a teacher, a volunteer and a missionary, among other roles, Susan, a member of Mesa's Clearview Stake, has stepped up for political and social issues that matter to her.

She found her real calling in education: "Lifting people through literacy is my passion, which I began doing in my own family (both spiritual and academic literacy—in many fields), and then my neighborhood, community, state and nation."

"I'm a very ambitious person," she affirms, "but mostly I'm ambitious for others, desiring to help them succeed."

Photo courtesy of Susan Whettan Udall

Susan Whettan Udall believes in "a heavenly mandate to learn how to work and to contribute to society."

Photo courtesy of Susan Whettan Udall

Susan Whettan Udall's work with Arizona State University Leadership Institute has taught her that she is an innovator.

Her biggest successes, however, come on the homefront. "Our children (who are now all married adults) have their primary focus on their families and are all contributing in the Church, their communities and in the world as adults. That is my greatest joy and achievement," she says.

Susan sees distraction and division as the biggest challenges to women today, both of which, she says, prevent us from spiritual awareness. She points out that while prophets and leaders share counsel and revelation, we bear a personal responsibility for cultivating spiritual discernment: "We can't hear those quiet promptings if we are distracted or being divisive in any way."

Like Natalie, Susan finds her identity as a daughter of a loving Heavenly Father, an identity that helps her lift up rather than diminish her fellow sisters in Zion. "If we know who we are," she says, "we'll have more confidence and be kinder and act as more of a builder with other women."

Her work with people of diverse religious, political and social backgrounds has helped her learn the importance of connection. "I've discovered through being part of the Arizona State University Leadership Institute that I am an innovator and through working collaboratively with regional and national women leaders in relief in the Muslim faith, that I have the gift of being a connector."

What it comes down to for Susan is that ultimately, "Women need each other. We can lift each other to new heights."

Latter-day Saint women, in the words of Sheri L. Dew, are "the Lord's secret weapon."

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Pioneer Women

Latter-Day Saint Leaders in the Suffrage Fight

By Allison Beckert

This year marks several anniversaries for the Church, including the 150th anniversary of the first vote cast by a woman in a U.S. election. While Utah wasn't the first territory to enfranchise women, it was the first to have a woman's vote cast. The women of the church are inextricably connected with the fight for equal voting rights, and there were battles won, lost and complicated by factors and powers on both sides of the Rocky Mountains. Without the support, example and resolve of the women of Utah and the church, the victory of the vote would have been set back decades.

Women in Utah first were given the vote in 1870, when a bill was unanimously passed in the Utah Territorial Legislature to grant the right. The opportunity to support such a bill arose when Utah, despite its politically challenging "problem" of polygamy, was mentioned as an ideal place to experiment with enfranchising women. Eastern political minds believed women of the Church, given the chance, would outlaw polygamy at the first opportunity. Latter-day Saint women took the challenge, eager to show they were thinking women and not an oppressed population out west.

The experiment worked so well for these voting women, especially for the women of the Church, that a specific part of the famous Edmunds-Tucker Act took the vote away from all women in the territory. The act is most famous for outlawing polygamy, though its effect on women was to both remove their voice in politics and in many cases, create single parent households when President Wilford Woodruff announced an end to the practice.

In 1895, with the objection of polygamy removed, the territory applied for statehood again. The question of including the women's right to vote took up most of the debate, even when no woman was permitted to take part in the discourse of the Constitutional Convention. With overwhelming support, lobbying, pleas and pressure, it was decided that the state constitution had to include giving wives, mothers, sisters and daughters a formal voice in political campaigns. For over two decades, Utah wasn't just one of the few states with women voters, but one of the few states with women running alongside men for public office. This was 24 years before the 19th Amendment, and the women of Utah continued their mission for equal rights with national activists.

Photo courtesy of Utah State Historical Society

Leading women of Utah: (Front row: Jane S. Richards, left, Emmeline Wells. Middle row: Phoebe Woodruff, Isabelle Horne, Eliza R. Snow, Zina Young, Marinda Hyde. Back row: Dr. Ellis R. Shipp, Bathsheba W. Smith, Elizabeth Howard, Dr. Romania Pratt Penrose.)

The story of Utah's suffragists is full of inspiring figures, amusing stories and national tensions. To commemorate the first victory in this battle, Better Days 2020 has released a podcast that shares this story in more detail. They feature fascinating insight from historians, sections of journals and letters by those who lived through these milestone victories and highlights of how the strength of these western women supported the national fight for the vote. Search "Zion's Suffragists" wherever you stream your podcasts, and keep an eye out for other books, articles and features on these remarkable pioneers.

Photo courtesy of Utah State Historical Society

Emmeline B. Wells (1828-1921) served as a General President of the LDS Church Relief Society, and was a writer and editor for the Woman's Exponent, a semi-monthly periodical established for Mormon women, and was active in the womens sufferage movement.

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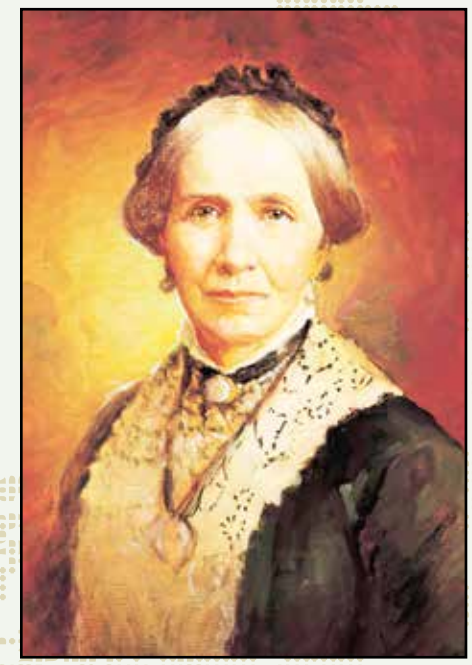
Eliza R. Snow, the second general president of the Relief Society from 1866 to 1887. During her tenure as president, women first voted in the territory of Utah.



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Zina Diantha Huntington Young, who served as the third general president of the Relief Society from 1888 to 1901 and attended National Woman's Suffrage Association Convention in New York.

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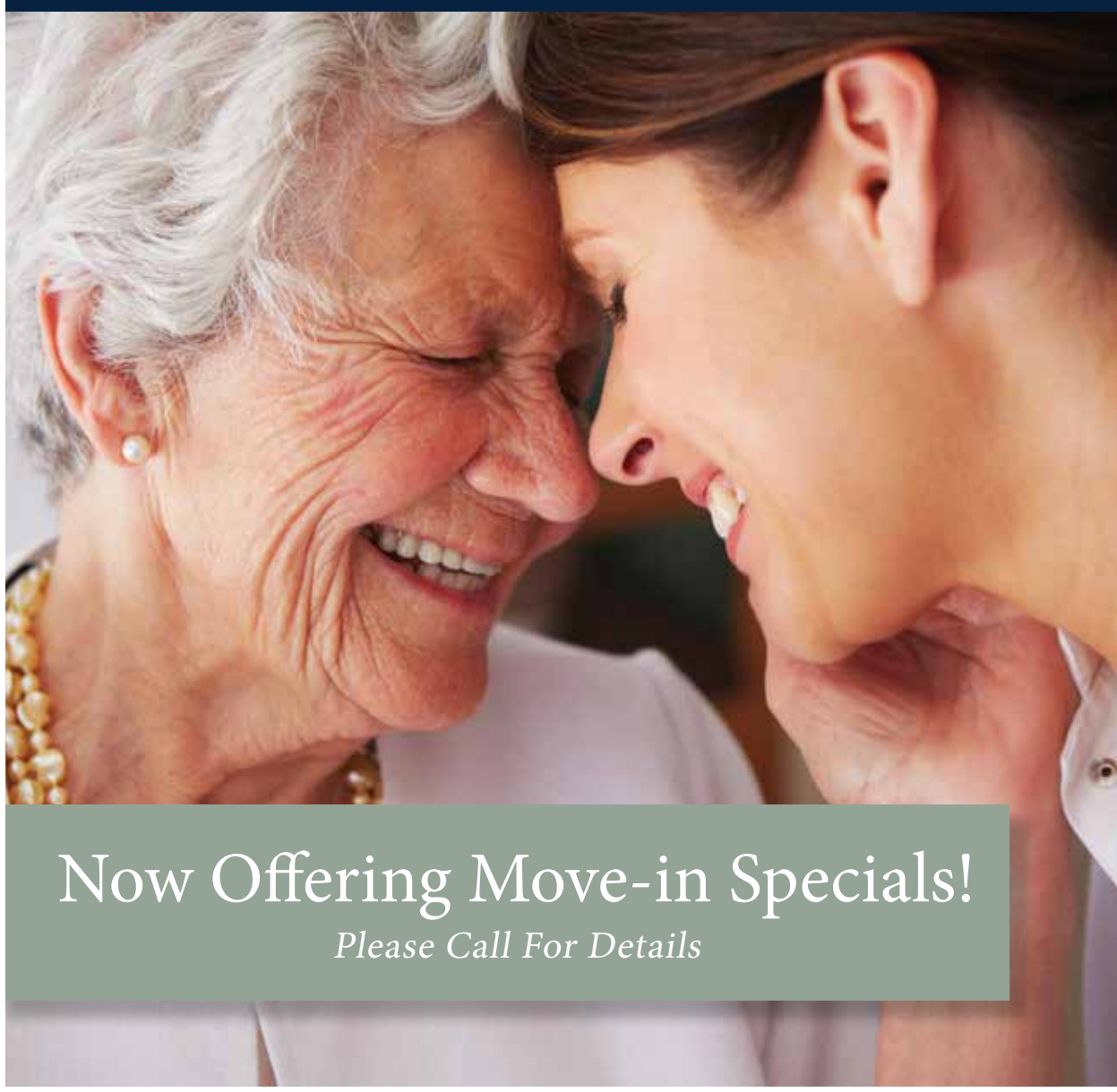

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Arizona's First Cotton Gin Now Offers Perfect Setting for Weddings & Events

By Cecily Markland Condie

Built in the 1930s, the longest running cotton gin in Arizona has opened a new chapter, combining its history and charm to create the perfect setting for weddings, meetings, reunions, craft shows and other events.

Owner Julie Ballentyne says The Big Tin Cotton Gin, located in Queen Creek, serves the entire Valley, offering a location that is rustic and unique and that can be personalized to fit a wide range of needs and purposes.

Today's full range wedding and event center began its transformation more than two decades ago when a couple who had a vision for its future purchased the venue.

"They thought it would be a cool place to do weddings when they bought the gin 25 years ago," Julie says.

Instead, it was used for regular craft fairs that utilized both the spacious interior of the tin building as well as the surrounding grounds. Julie's husband, James, who sells ammunition, first looked into the center as a place to host a gun show, and, Julie fell in love with it then.

Still, it wasn't until several years later, when one of the regular craft show vendors told them that the center was available, that the Ballentynes took ownership.

"We took over on January 15, 2019, remodeled all summer, and had the first wedding September 28," Julie says.

Since then, their son, Kevin, has partnered with Julie and their expanded view as well as the demand for the space has quickly come to fruition. In addition to the craft shows that they have continued to hold one weekend a month October through March, The Big Tin Cotton Gin has hosted a health retreat, baby showers, office meetings and end-of-the-year parties, weddings and receptions, family gatherings and many other events.

While some spring events had to be canceled due to the pandemic, Julie says the downtime has given them a chance to finish some projects and do upkeep and they are still taking reservations and are happy to see the interest in using the center has not waned.

The 5,000 square-foot building easily held tables and chairs for a 215-guest sit-down wedding dinner, and for come-and-go receptions it can handle many more than that, Julie says. There is ample parking, and the 10,000 square-foot outdoor grass, rock and paver areas add to the possibilities for large groups and varying activities.

The center includes a spacious bridal and groom suite, attached kitchen, indoor bar and beautiful antique chandeliers. While they do have tables and chairs to rent, people like the fact that they can do their own decorating and can use their own caterers.

"Of course," Julie adds, "with the rustic atmosphere, tin building and chandeliers, many find they don't have to decorate a lot to get the look they want."

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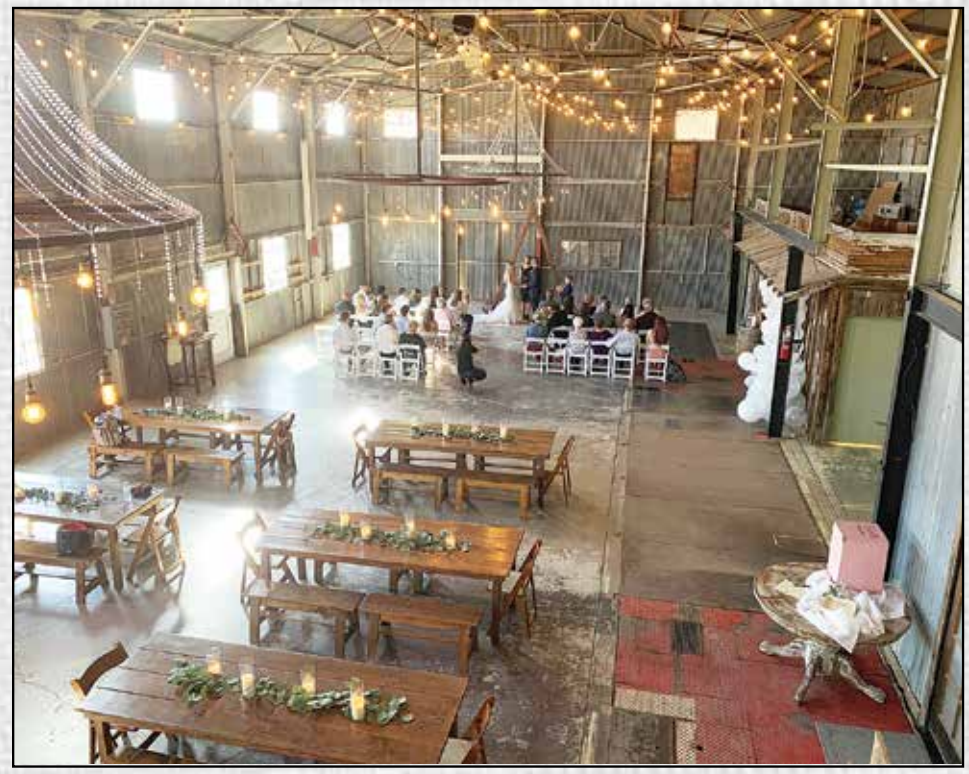

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An excellent location for wedding events, whether they include wedding ceremonies, come-and-go receptions, sit-down wedding dinners or a combination of events.

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A perfect venue for a range of events and gatherings, including monthly craft shows held October through March, and a recent gun show, pictured above.

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The Big Cotton Gin

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People planning weddings and other events at The Big Tin Cotton Gin Wedding and Event Center enjoy being able to personalize the event with their own decorations and caterer.

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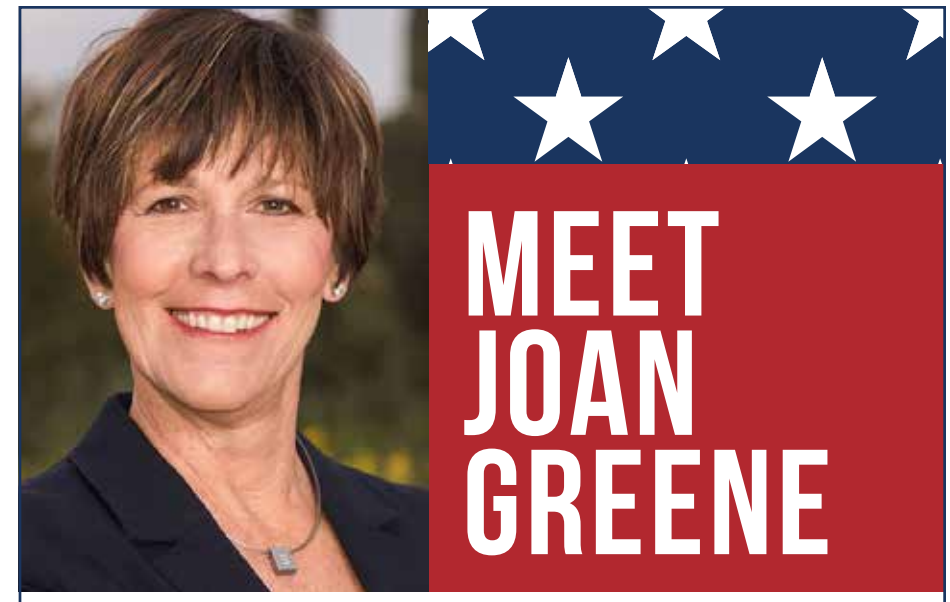

Continued exclusive interview with Joan Greene from the March April 2020 issue of The Arizona Beehive.

Please describe how you can address these issues better than the incumbent.

"Listening to the experts and providing realistic solutions is how I lead. We must govern with the goal that everyone benefits and not just the few. We need to invest in policies that build up the people, living wages, infrastructure, taking care of seniors, families, and providing peace of mind. Small businesses are not receiving the opportunities that larger companies are and at times are being taken advantage of by larger entities. They need to be able to have recourse to fight back and we want to expand support for working capital so small businesses can grow."

Why is your message better than the Republican incumbent?

"My message is that I work for you; I do not work for an industry or a donor. We must invest in people, and provide for our people's financial security, which is related to quality education, affordable health care that covers pre-existing conditions, lower prescription drug costs and lower insurance premiums. Protecting Medicare, Medicaid, and expanding Social Security. It's how people aren't getting big raises in their pay even after we gave corporations big money tax cuts. It's about financial stability and opportunities for all our families."

How would you rate yourself as a potential legislator?

"I rate myself as an A+ legislator. I have been in every precinct in our 1423 square miles of CD5. I have had half-dozen in-person town halls and two dozen meet and greets that have been open to everyone as I welcome every political registration. The people of CD5 are starving for their Representative to be accessible, transparent and honest, which I am."

Is there anything else you would like the community to know about you?

"I am the voice for the voiceless. Everyone has a seat at the table. When you lead with compassion and put the needs of the people first, you not only have a government by and for the people, but a Community that thrives together."

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Our Heritage Binds Us Together

Daughters of Utah Pioneers Find Strength & Hope in Stories

By Emily Jex Boyle

Jody Clawson shares a pioneer story at a recent DUP meeting. Photo by Emily Boyle

Facing times of uncertainty, we draw strength and comfort from stories of those who encounter and pass through challenges, globally and individually. After all, all things pass eventually. As my dad puts it, the Good Book says, "it came to pass," not that it came to stay.

Stories and personal experiences from past and present, especially those in your own family, can encourage in hard times. In the novel *The Tale of Despereaux*, Kate DiCamillo writes, "Stories are light. Light is precious in a world so dark. Tell...a story. Make some light." What do you know about your family and generations before you? Have stories survived? What light can their lived lives shed on our own struggles?

The International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers (ISDUP, DUP) preserve the stories of the past. Local chapters, or "companies," in Arizona and elsewhere help individuals research, investigate and share stories, finding value in belonging to an organization tied to the history of the West. Companies exist in 20 states and Canada. Monthly and yearly events bring society members together to connect. The society, organized for historical and educational purposes, is non-political and non-sectarian.

At a recent local DUP company convention in Mesa, many came together for a beautiful presentation and luncheon. Visiting national ISDUP leader Julie Thompson spoke to those gathered. "What's going to be on your trail? You are vanguard women," she said. "You could have pulled a handcart, and you are pulling a handcart today, and there are still wolves following your handcart. Fight the way [your ancestors] did."

While the society's name seems to hallmark it for history aficionados alone, this is not the case. This organization is open to all, including direct descendants of wagon company members, trappers, hunters, freighters and railroad workers who "crossed the plains to or through the geographic area covered by the State of Deseret/Utah Territory between July 1847 and May 10, 1869." The geographic area covered by the provisional State of Deseret and Utah Territory includes current parts of Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming.

Looking to connect with others? Consider joining this historical group. Curious about your ancestors? The ISDUP has a reservoir of recorded histories and photographs for pioneers submitted since 1925. The society currently holds over 100,000 pioneer histories. Is there a story about your ancestor in the West? Consider submitting a history. They're always looking for more. Copies of these histories are available to society members at $0.25 per page.

We can find comfort in remembering we are not the first to face trying times. In Carol Lynn Pearson's poem "The Sunflower," she consoles and encourages: "Of course you have clouds. What mortal sky does not? Only in heaven are the heavens clear forever. It's all right. I am a sunflower. I will find the light." Preserving and recording stories from our ancestors' lives and our own will be worth the effort for generations.

Visit http://isdup.org/index.php for more information.

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Camp captains gathered for a photograph at a recent DUP meeting. (Back row) Peggy Glass, Leslie Snyder, Travis Gunnell, Carol Jordan, Penny Hannum (Company President), Maureen Whiting, Kathleen Cook. (Front Row) Shauna Bunker, Stephanie Stevens. Peggy Albright, LuAnna Webb, Bonnie Carroll.

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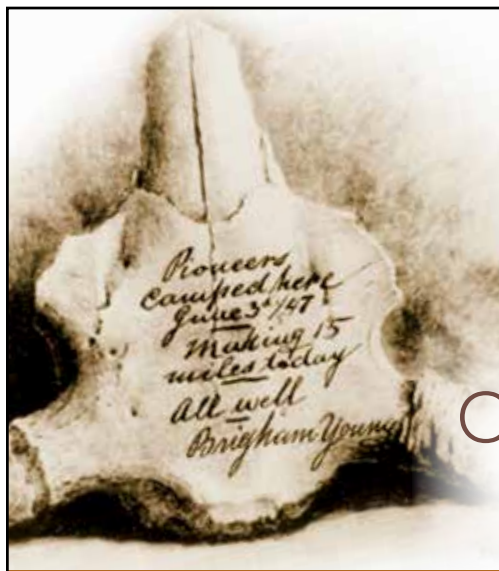

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An Insurance Agent With An Ear For Your Needs

By Katherine Ogden

Sooner or later, most of us find ourselves navigating the ins and outs of Medicare. Signing up for healthcare insurance is one of the more daunting tasks that comes with aging, especially for people with certain medical issues. Fortunately, great insurance agents like Delight Clark can guide clients through the process.

A few years ago, Delight, of the Maricopa North Stake, decided fulfill her lifelong dream of returning to school to finish her bachelor's degree in Marriage & Family Studies through the BYU Pathway Program. She intended to go into social work of some kind.

"If someone would have told me that I would be selling insurance, I would have thought they were crazy," says Delight. "I would have thought I might rather be a used car salesman." But one of Delight's sons in the insurance business presented it as an option.

"Since I still had two sons at home and elderly parents, I needed something flexible, so I thought I'd try the training. If it turned out not to be for me, then I'd go in another direction."

Delight Clark showing options to Leslee and Don Nelson. Photo by Robert Ogden

Fortunately, it turned out to be the perfect blend of all her social skills and her wish to help and teach others.

As an insurance agent, Delight can provide suggestions over the phone, send quotes or make home visits. Her goal is to do the very best for her clients, and do it with integrity.

"One of the benefits of having an agent is that you have your own contact person who knows you well, something you may not have when you go to a website," says Delight. "The mark of a good agent is educating each client on what's available for them. They usually don't know much about Medicare, so teaching them how to maximize the use of their plan is key. One size absolutely does not fit all in this situation, and the agent needs to listen with an ear for their needs."

Delight Clark comes with high recommendation from her clients.

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Delight Clark, insurance agent.

"Delight has been instrumental in helping us review our insurance options the past several years," says client James McGuire. "Our situation is complex: I'm 46 years old, yet I qualify for Medicare as a result of being disabled. Delight explained the differences in plans to help us find coverage that's affordable, yet covers my many specialists and medications. She's also helped me understand the issues unique to Medicare and disability. She's just a phone call or text away, and I can count on her to be proactive and alert me. It's nice to have her in my corner."

For more information on specialized insurance plans, contact Delight Clark at theclark7@cox.net or by phone at 480-540-1963.

Sock It To Them!

Kaktos Socks Gives Back to Healthcare Heroes

By Merry Gordon

Daniel Bobik wants to make one thing clear: "It's not about the socks."

This might seem ironic, considering that his company, Kaktos, is about the socks—striped ones, solid ones, polka-dotted ones, all made of locally sourced American Supima cotton. But to Bobik, the socks come second.

"We make socks, yes," he says, "but it's really about connections. That's what we need in this world."

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaktos is connecting healthcare workers on the frontlines with new pairs of socks.

"These people are typically on their feet, serving other people all day, and we thought we had an amazing product that could help these folks," says Bobik of what he calls "healthcare heroes." An Instagram post in April led to a donation drive that purchased thousands of socks for ground zero caregivers and kept the company's manufacturer, "one of the only surviving sock manufacturers in a small town," in business during an unsteady economy.

Why socks? Because they feel good, Bobik says. A former basketball player for BYU and Oklahoma State University, Bobik had a three-step ritual before every game: he'd take a shower, brush his teeth and put on a new pair of socks.

"There's just something nice about putting on a new pair of socks. It makes you feel good," he says. "That's what we wanted people to feel, that they are loved and appreciated for all their efforts."

Kaktos takes its name from the Greek word for that iconic desert plant.

"The cactus can survive and thrive in harsh conditions," says Bobik. For him, it makes sense that a company whose name celebrates flourishing in an unforgiving climate is stepping up for those workers helping people stay healthy under adverse conditions. "The people I find inspirational are the ones that can thrive like that too."

Kaktos socks are proudly made in the U.S.A., and Bobik has a personal relationship with the people in their supply chain. Their cotton comes from a 5th generation eastern Arizona farmer.

"We went to the harvest and got to know these folks," Bobik says. "Relationships are really important to us."

Producing American-made socks was harder for the company, he says, "It took us a lot longer, but for us it's worth it. It's worth the quality, it's worth the feeling. We went to China and got a sample made and I said, 'That's not my sock. That's somebody else's sock that they put my design on.' I wanted to create something that was my own."

With an all-American brand and an emphasis on quality and people, Bobik has done just that—and to rave reviews.

"The older I get, the more I realize I'd rather have a few quality things," he says. "People are getting away from disposable fashion." Kaktos socks, he says, are for people who value quality and sustainability—and the story behind the brand, which reminds us how we are all "knit together."

To learn more about Kaktos, check them out at kaktos.com or on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

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Daniel Bobik (pictured here with his son) visited his cotton supplier, a 5th generation farmer in eastern Arizona.

THE TOOTH RACKET

Actor Phil Berry Enters LDS Film Festival with The Tooth Racket

By Emmilie Whitock

For Phil Berry, it was love at first swipe. The unorthodox object of his affections? A tooth fairy with moxie.

Photo Headshot courtesy of Phil Berry

LDS actor Phil Berry lives in Los Angeles, California, with his wife and children.

Berry, a Los Angeles-based actor and filmmaker, said it all started with a middle-of-the-night email sent from his good friend, Duncan MacGoosh. "He sent me a short sketch with this crazy mobster tooth fairy character in it who I immediately fell in love with," Berry said in an email interview.

From there, Berry developed the idea of an unconventional tooth fairy into the short film, *The Tooth Racket*. Berry, who served as producer and co-writer with MacGoosh—as he's credited in the film—starred as the film's tooth fairy.

The Tooth Racket features a battle of wits between a tooth fairy from Southie and a little girl with a fake tooth trying to duke out her own portion of the mobster's racket, Berry said. The film has been accepted to festivals around the country, including the Lindon, Utah-based LDS Film Festival, where Berry made his festival debut on February 26.

"It's great that there's a place for LDS filmmakers to network and showcase their work," Berry said. A longtime actor, Berry is best known for his role in the Emmy Award-winning film *Cold Winter's Night*. "The best part of being an actor is being surrounded by so many other talented creatives creating something meaningful," he said.

This passion for the industry led him to take his career to the next level. In 2019, Berry founded the production company Soft Cloud Films, based in Los Angeles. The company will create original content by combining established filmmakers and actors with up-and-coming creatives.

"I wanted to be part of bringing these people together and creating a safe and comfortable environment for them to work in and do their best work," Berry said. "*The Tooth Racket* was my first production and is a great example of how I'm working. I co-wrote it with an established Hollywood screenwriter [MacGoosh], and gathered a production team. It's the film debut of my co-star, Madison Taylor Beaz."

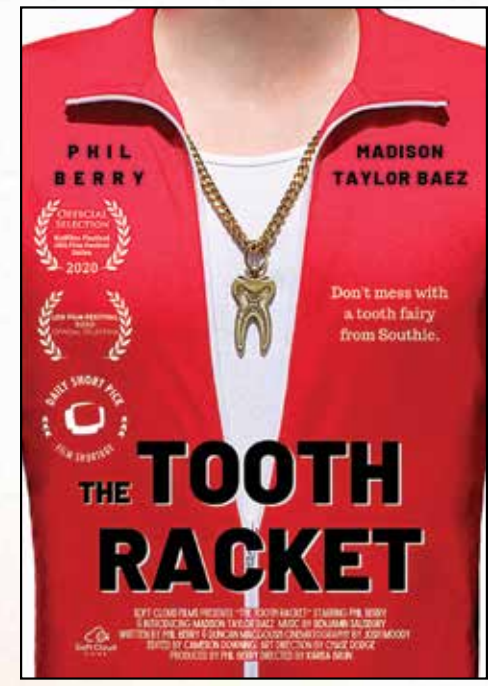

Photo by Movie art for *The Tooth Racket*

The 18th Annual LDS Film Festival screened The Tooth Racket on February 26 in Lindon, Utah.

Berry said discovering Beaz was one of the highlights of filming *The Tooth Racket*—and it all started with a glitch. Due to a technical issue with

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PREP YOUR MISSIONARY

Called to Serve the Lord

By Allison Beckert

If the last few months have taught the world anything about the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, it is that its members are resilient, strong and faithful in the face of the unexpected. Missionaries have been shuffled around, welcomed home, quarantined in place and even trained remotely, far from training centers worldwide. Those affected missionaries have shared many powerful experiences, most showing a foundation truth of missionary work: We are called to serve at the will of the Lord, wherever and however we can.

Missionary work, when a full-time call, doesn't always look like teaching lessons and baptizing. When on the errand of the Lord, marching orders and reasons for them change constantly. Whatever we are asked to do, the Lord will provide. The principle taught by Nephi's example early in the Book of Mormon holds true today in the mission field: "I was led by the Spirit, not knowing beforehand the things which I should do" (1 Nephi 4:6). The servants of the Lord trust in Him for all things, whatever is asked and whatever comes their way.

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Some missionaries are called locally to serve in Church facilities either full time, part time or even temporarily until other placements can be made.

Formal service changes with the needs of the area, the missionary and the Church as a whole. Directives from prophets in the last ten years have made new missions and areas, emphasized local mission service options, adjusted qualification interview criteria, and most recently, relocated thousands of missionaries for their own safety because of a pandemic. Missionaries serve God's children. Faithful service and the blessings from it, like all blessings, are received through obedience, not on the idea we had of what service should look like.

This year is the 200th since Joseph Smith's miraculous vision. The Church has released wonderful resources for us to learn the history of this restoration, and one common theme through much of this history is how God's people are most often following Him into uncharted territory. It was required in the early days as well as today to do as President Uchtdorf described, to lift where we stand. In October 2008, his address to the priesthood session in that conference included this description of the principle: "Although it may seem simple, lifting where we stand is a principle of power. Most of the priesthood bearers I know understand and live by this principle. They are eager to roll up their sleeves and go to work, whatever that work might be. They faithfully perform their priesthood duties. They magnify their callings. They serve the Lord by serving others. They stand close together and lift where they stand."

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Many missionaries, after receiving their initial call, may have some delays relating to paperwork or travel hiccups and will spend time serving in a more accessible area until the complications can be resolved.

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During emergencies, missionaries are often expected to shift their attention from teaching to giving active relief within their own area or places more in need.

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The Tooth Racket

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the company's casting software, Baez ended up being scheduled for a callback instead of a first audition. "When Madison Taylor Baez showed up for her audition we couldn't find her on any of our lists and thought she had the wrong audition or was crashing the audition," Berry said.

Beaz caught the eye of film's director, Karisa Bruin, with her cute, innocent look. But it was her chemistry with Berry that landed her the role. "I started to read opposite her as the tooth fairy and she turned on the heat and started coming after me for her tooth money," Berry said. "My director knew she was the one."

Baez is slated to star in the upcoming Netflix series *Selena: The Series*. "I love having been part of her journey," Berry said.

Berry has kept the momentum from his first film going and is now in development on a web series and a feature film. The film is projected to screen in late 2021.

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PHOENIX – Forty-one thousand pounds of canned goods, flour and pasta was delivered to The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's (SVdP) Phoenix campus, located at 420 W. Watkins Road on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. The 24 pallets of food were donated to SVdP by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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Danielle McMahon, Director of Food Services at The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in the community who have nowhere else to turn for help. By doing this with care and respect, they show recipients that they matter and they are children of God. "This food will help us fill the rising need for food resources in the homes of our community," said Danielle McMahon, the director of food services at SVdP. "We are so grateful that the LDS Church is helping us restock our food warehouse, and helping us meet the urgent needs of our community."

The donation from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is part of its ongoing global effort to address the immediate needs that have been amplified in many communities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, the Church has approved over 110 COVID-19 relief projects in 57 countries. Most of these humanitarian projects are done with trusted partners, such as The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, which allows the Church to use its resources in places where they can do the most good. President C.W. Ross, who leads the Phoenix East Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commented on the value of SVdP's work in the community. "St. Vincent de Paul helps and blesses many individuals in and around Central Phoenix. We are honored to help them in our shared Christian mission to assist those in need and care for those who suffer."

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints endeavor to follow the Savior's admonition to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, take in the stranger, clothe the naked and visit the sick and those in prison (see Matthew 25:35–36). Millions of people have benefited from temporal and spiritual assistance through humanitarian and welfare donations.

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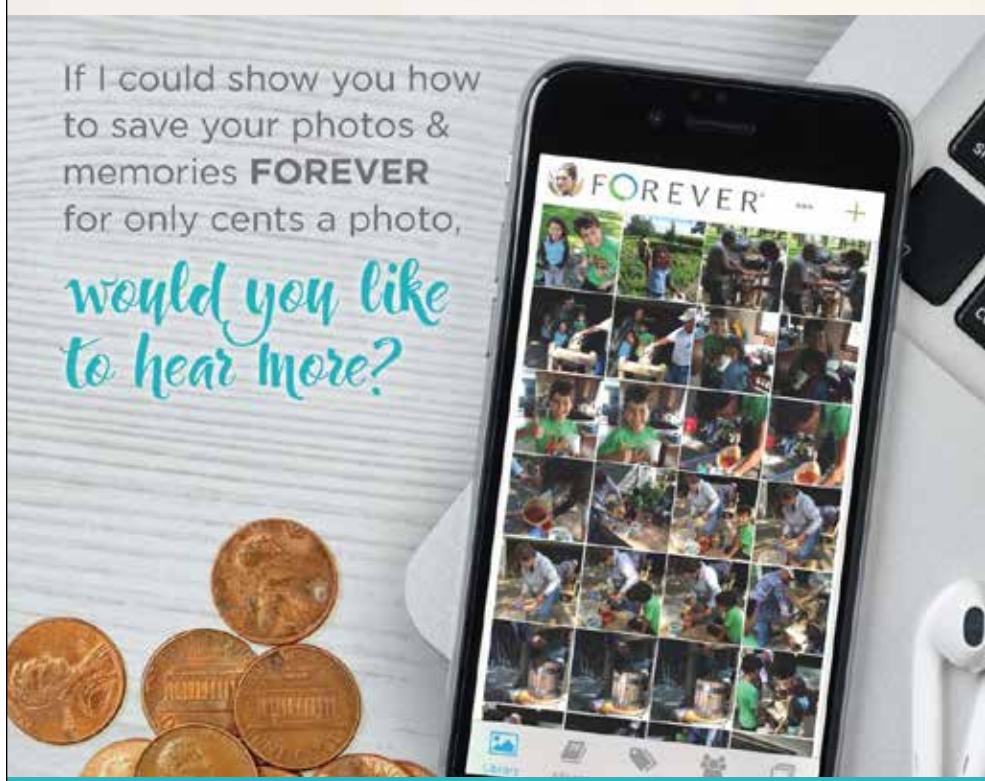

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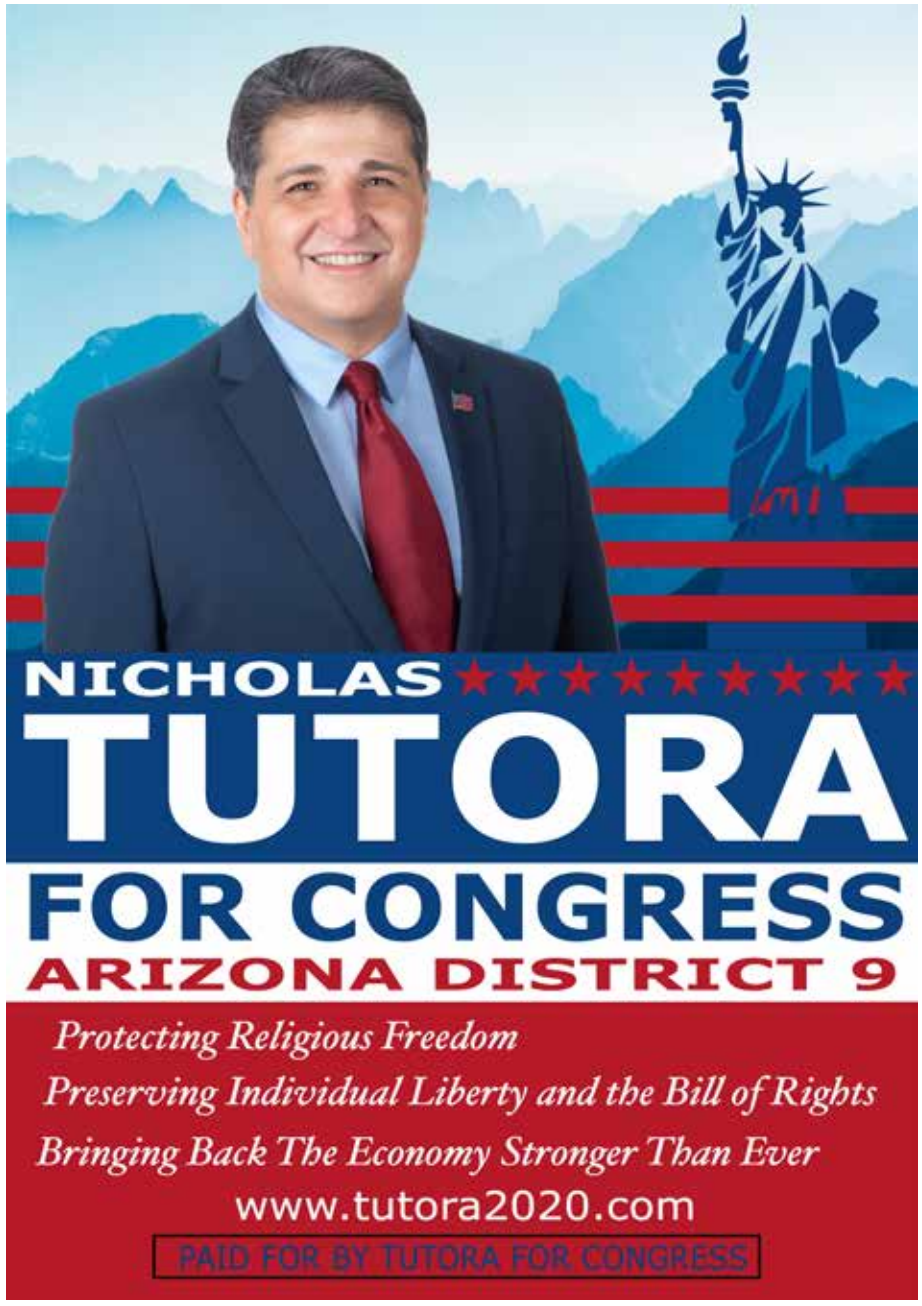

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Documenting Daily Life

By Heather Kidder

These past few months have been filled with novel experiences. The focus of society has shifted: home-centered church worship, home-centered schooling and technology-centered interactions with those we love have taken the place of face-to-face communication with others. I am sure that some have felt that they have risen to the occasion and shone bright amidst the chaos. Others may have felt overwhelmed and barely able to keep their heads above the mess. No matter how you dealt with those challenges and changes, it is valuable to document your experience as a friend, daughter and mother. Below are two ways you can document your experiences to help you make sense of life changes and to benefit your children and your future self as you look back on this period and seek to learn, grow and become better from having passed through it.

Document the Helpers: The beloved late Mr. Fred Rogers shared his mother's timely advice during times of uncertainty: "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping." We may not always be in a position to help others, but we can do our part to recognize those who lift our burdens or who bless the community with their efforts. Create a list on your phone, social media account or electronic or paper journal of those who you have noticed helping. For instance, the paraeducators in my school district prepared and delivered food to those students depending on meals from the school. Local business owners and employees took extra precautions to wear gloves and sanitize cards as people made purchases. Who has lifted your burden and carried out the errand of angels?

Log the Daily Routine: Sometimes the changes to our daily routine seem obvious and unimportant. We wouldn't even consider documenting them. However, I have heard many missionaries enjoy seeing pictures of the grocery stores and libraries in their areas of service. These daily reminders of what life was like during a time of change can evoke powerful, emotional feelings. Those viewing them can get a taste of what life was like during this time. You don't have to keep a photo log, but you can simply keep a list of how things have changed in your day-to-day routine. Did you see new signs posted? What changed regarding church, school, and grocery shopping? How did your interactions with your family members and friends change?

Documenting daily life at this time may seem trivial in the moment, but when you look back on your reflections, they can evoke memories and thoughts that may be precious later.

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By Robin Finlinson

F•H•E Corner

The Power, Goodness & Mercy of God

When children, youth and adults repeatedly hear words such as "existential threat," "pandemic" and "possibility of war," it is important to remember that our Heavenly Father, an omniscient, omnipotent being who cherishes us, is in charge. He is not surprised by or unprepared for any circumstance that the Earth encounters. His watchful care and supreme command are manifest throughout the scriptures and elsewhere.

In the very first verses of The Book of Mormon, Nephi testifies of God's goodness and Lehi declares, "thy power, and goodness, and mercy are over all the inhabitants of the earth…" (1 Nephi 1:1,14).

Other Examples:

- "Now my brethren, we see that God is mindful of every people, whatsoever land they may be in…" (Alma 26:37).
- "He doeth not anything save it be for the benefit of the world; for he loveth the world, even that he layeth down his own life…" (2 Nephi 26:24).
- "…for he has all power, all wisdom, and all understanding; he comprehendeth all things, and he is a merciful Being, even unto salvation, to those who will repent and believe on his name." (Alma 26:35).
- "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5).
- "…the Lord knoweth all things from the beginning; wherefore, he prepareth a way to accomplish all his works among the children of men; for behold, he hath all power unto the fulfilling of all his words…" (1 Nephi 9:6).
- "…in the presence of God, on a globe like a sea of glass and fire, where all things for their glory are manifest, past, present, and future, and are continually before the Lord" (Doctrine and Covenants 130:7).
- "He is the great Governor of the universe" (President Gordon B. Hinckley, April 2007, General Conference).
- "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

Original artwork by Tanner Finlinson, age 12.

Evidence of God's power, goodness and purposes to be fulfilled is all around. Look, and you will find it.

- "…God has not ceased to be a God of miracles" (Mormon 9:15).
- "Thou hast been our help in weakness, [a]nd thy pow'r hath made us strong" (Hymns, p. 35).

More Suggested Readings:

- Revelation 19:6
- 1 Nephi 2:12
- 2 Nephi 2:24
- 2 Nephi 28:31
- Jacob 4:9
- Mosiah 3:5, 17-21
- Ether 4:12
- Abraham 2:8
- D&C 88:6-13
- Research World War II's miracle at the Battle of Midway.

Discussion Questions:

1. What other scriptures, talks, historical accounts or experiences from people you know assure you of the Lord's goodness and power to protect those who recognize Him and follow His counsel?
2. Most importantly, what experiences have you personally had?
3. How could we describe Lehi (and how we should always be) in 1 Nephi 2:3,7?
4. The Lord is able to not only create and govern worlds; He can speak directly to the mind and heart of each of His children. Take time daily to be still and know that He is God, the Lord of hosts, our refuge, and that He is with us (Psalm 46:10-11).

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FINDING YOUR FEMALE ANCESTORS

At times, finding records for your female ancestors can leave you feeling frustrated. What can you do?

First, do future generations a favor by naming each woman in your family tree with her maiden name, not her married name or multiple surnames. You will lessen confusion and your posterity will thank you.

When searching for information on your married female ancestors:

- Always do separate searches using her married name and her maiden name (if you know it).
- Search for her as a Mrs. with her husband's name (Mrs. John Doe).
- **Social Security records** (especially the applications and claims index) are wonderful sources of married surnames as well as a maiden name.

Photo from author's family collection

Author's maternal grandmother, Rachel Karin Jansson (second from left) and her sisters.

When looking for that elusive maiden name, try these sources:

- **Marriage records** are one of your best bets for finding the maiden name of your ancestor. When searching, do your search with her husband's full name, her first name, the marriage date and location and see what you get. Don't assume a result is your ancestor; instead, take that clue and do more research to prove it is. Also note the names of witness and informants as these are often close relatives. And look at the marriage record for each of her children, as some records show the maiden name of the mother.
- **Birth and/or death records (including obituaries)** for her spouse and her children (search each one) will sometimes include the maiden name of the mother.
- **Census records** can include in-laws to the head of the house (generally the husband), or maybe a young couple living with her parents. Be sure to look at the image if it is available, as there is always more info on the image than what is indexed, and check out the relationship for each person in that household.

Photo from author's family collection

Wedding photo taken in 1903 of the author's paternal great-grandmother, Avadna Tennessee Barnes Mead.

- **Cemeteries** can be helpful. Grave markers sometimes yield a maiden name and contacting the cemetery office can help you to know if your female ancestor buried in her family's plot.
- **Published family trees** can provide clues for your ancestor's maiden name; follow up with more research.

Another source to consider is a mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) test, currently offered only by FamilyTreeDNA, which can help you trace your matrilineal line—your mother, her mother, her mother and so on.

According to their website, "Testing mtDNA allows for investigation into your maternal line and can help identify living relatives whose mtDNA is similar to yours, as well as ancient migration routes your maternal ancestors may have taken."

Pick one of the above methods you haven't already tried and give it a go. Happy Hunting!

By Alyson Johnson

Family HISTORY

A Long Line of Love

C.I. Robson I Descendants Celebrate New Headstone

By Kathy Thompson

Last February, approximately 200 descendants of Charles Innes Robson I gathered at the Mesa Cemetery. They unveiled a new headstone in honor of C.I. Robson I, commemorating him as one of the founding fathers of Mesa. The back of the headstone memorializes the early East Valley Robson family, "ever remembered for their courage, love of God, family and community."

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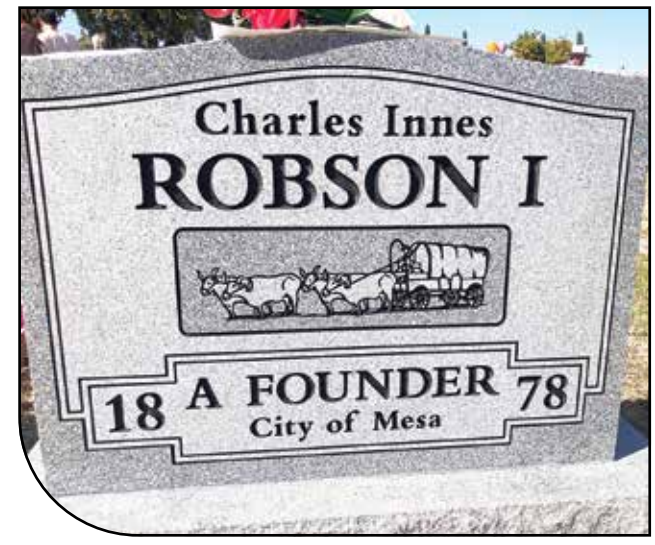
Robson descendant Chance Robson other 3rd-great-grandchildren played their ukuleles and sang at the dedication of their pioneer ancestor's headstone.



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Mesa pioneer C.I. Robson I gets a brand new headstone.

The Pomeroy, Robson, Crismon and Sirrine families were among the earliest called by Brigham Young to come and settle in Arizona, and many of the Robson, Barney, Walton, Naegle, Decker and Hatch families still live in the beautiful City of Mesa. Establishing themselves on the plateau which would become Mesa, these families endured many trials and hardships, especially crossing the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry and digging the old Indian canals to get water.

Participants held a special program with short histories and a song, "A Long Line of Love," per-

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COOKING with the BEEHIVE

By Rachael Fuller

Pizza Party Dip – Fuller Pizza Dip

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Simple, fresh ingredients can give your pizza sauce some pizazz.

I currently have three teenagers living in my home. I love all three of them with all my heart, but they come with some challenges. They always seem to be hungry, I have unintentionally turned them into amateur foodies, and if they do not get foodie-fabulous eats, they want junk. They would happily eat pizza, burgers, chicken nuggets—basically, any fast food they can get their grubby hands on. So, what's a parent to do?

The solution? Pizza dip! I have stumbled onto a perfect recipe that you can pair with a salad, one that has all the elements of junk but not the cost and—and maybe not even all the calories. Bon appétit!

Ingredients

- 2 8oz blocks of cream cheese, softened
- 2 tsp oregano or Italian herb blend
- Garlic salt to taste (We like lots of garlic!)
- 1 jar pasta sauce
- Pesto to taste
- 2 8oz bags of shredded or grated fresh mozzarella
- 2 bags of mini pepperoni or 1 stick of pepperoni, chopped
- Parmesan cheese to taste

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Combine cream cheese, oregano or Italian herb blend, and garlic salt in a medium bowl and mix well. Spread mixture into the bottom of 9x13 inch pan.
3. Spread pasta sauce evenly over the top of cream cheese mixture. Place a couple spoonfuls of pesto over the pasta sauce and swirl together.
4. Top with a layer of pepperoni and mozzarella and parmesan.
5. Repeat the layering of sauces, pepperoni and cheeses until you reach the top of the pan.
6. If desired, you can sprinkle some extra garlic salt and oregano or Italian herb blend over the top.
7. Bake for 25-30 minutes. The mixture will be melted and bubbly.
8. Turn the broiler on and broil the top for about a minute or two until the cheese starts to brown. WATCH CAREFULLY!
9. Remove from oven and serve with pita chips or toasted Italian bread.

Just a warning: this dip is like cheesy lava when it comes out of the oven, so eat with caution until it cools!

LOVELY WAR

Novel Hits NYT Bestseller List & Wins 2020 Golden Kite Award

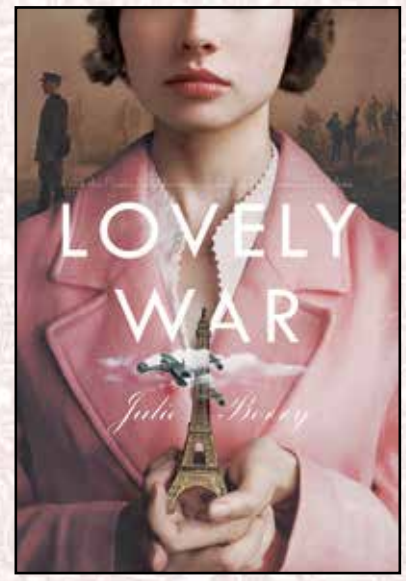
By Emily Jex Boyle

Divinely narrated by Aphrodite, *Lovely War* is a time-bending yarn of love stories set during World War One, as told years later from a Manhattan hotel room where Love and War stand trial.

Early this year, *Lovely War*, a novel by author Julie Berry, earned the prestigious 2020 Golden Kite Award for the top work of young adult fiction by the Society of Children's Books and Illustrators (SCBWI). Berry, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, formally accepted her award in New York City last February. The Golden Kite is awarded annually from over 1,000 entries judged by a jury of peers.

Released by Viking Books for Young Readers, Berry's latest novel topped several year-end lists for 2019. The novel received seven starred reviews and was called "mesmerizing" by *Booklist*, "poignant" by the *Horn Book* and "virtuoso" by the *New York Times*, where the book recently made their bestseller list.

The novel features Hazel and James and Collette and Aubrey, whose lives are defined by the Great War. Divinely narrated, *Lovely War* is a time-bending yarn described by Berry as an "intertwining set of love stories set during World War One, as told to us by Greek gods in a Manhattan hotel room during the height of World War Two." The Goddess of Love offers these tales of imperfect mortals as evidence for the validity of love. Berry's novel braves racism, the horrors of war and women's subjugated role in society.



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Julie Berry, New York Times bestselling author, lives in southern California and has written numerous books for children and young adults.

At times, Aphrodite hands the authorial microphone to others as they offer testimony about parts of the story they have influenced—Apollo in art, Aries in war, and Hades in death. She responds encouragingly: "Let them start their dreadful wars," she says, "let destruction rain down, and let plague sweep through, but I will still be here, doing my work, holding humankind together with love like this."

With recent worldwide health and economic concerns, Berry hopes the novel "provides an engrossing, romantic, nail-biting escape from the present world, as all good stories should." Berry also hopes it "inspires and encourages us with the reminder that we are descendants and heirs of a grand legacy of survivors, who've endured and overcome one trauma after another by linking elbows and courageously, lovingly looking out for each other."

Along with the distinguished recognition, Berry received $2,500 plus an additional $1,000 to donate to a non-profit organization of her choice. Berry chose to donate to the Equal Justice Initiative, a human rights advocacy group committed to ending mass incarceration, excessive punishment and racial and economic injustice in the United States.

Berry's works include *The Passion of Dolssa,* a 2017 Printz Honor and Los Angeles Times Book Prize shortlisted novel, as well as *All the Truth That's in Me,* shortlisted for both the Carnegie and Edgar awards. Berry has published other acclaimed picture books and middle grade novels. Berry lives in Southern California and is the mother of four sons.

For more information about Julie Berry's books visit www.julieberry-books.com.

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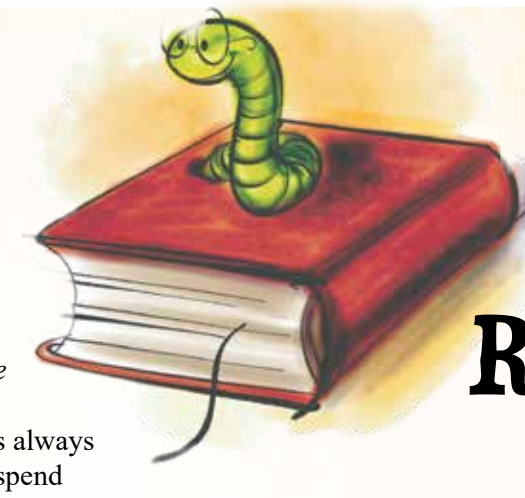
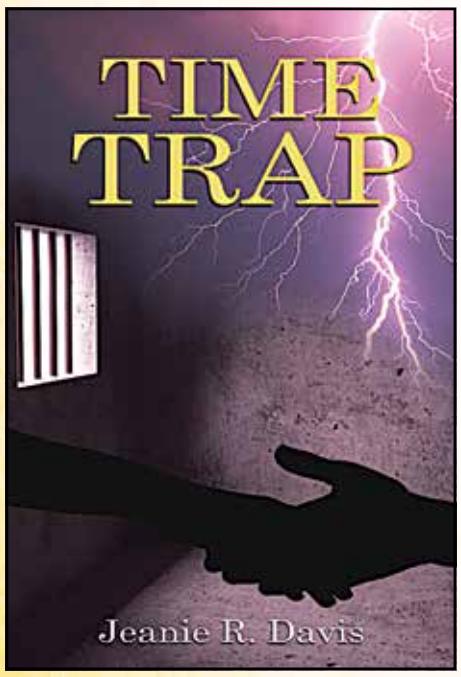


Beehive BOOK REVIEW

By Cindy R. Williams

Arianna Miller is shocked when her fiancé is flung into a trap—a time trap. The time-traveling device returns home with a letter but no Christopher, stranding him two hundred years in the past.



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Time Trap cover art

The letter illuminates betrayal and danger. Arianna must discover the truth and face the danger of traveling back in time herself to discover the truth and fight for her love.

Time Trap, Book 2 of the Somerset series, by Jeanie R. Davis, is full of tingling mystery, thrilling suspense and a love that spans the centuries.

Jeanie's favorite character in the book is Arianna, the protagonist. "She's strong, determined and doesn't give up until she has accomplished her goal. In doing so, she becomes the hero—for more people than just herself."

The theme of the book is trust. "Keeping promises we've made is important, even when the odds are stacked against us, making it difficult," says Jeanie.

The Gilbert, AZ author says this book is for anyone who loves romance, suspense or time travel. "The book is clean," she adds. "No bedroom scenes or foul language."

The first book in the series, *Time Twist*, does not have to be read first to make sense of *Time Trap*, but it is always fun to spend more time in the lives of the Somerset family characters.

Part of the book takes place in our time, but characters also time travel back to the Regency Era. Jeanie's research is so effective, she drops the reader into the heart of London right along with Arianna, the heroine.

Jeanie says, "*Time Twist* and *Time Trap* complete Arianna and Christopher's story, but there are two more Somerset siblings." She is currently writing the third book in the series, titled *Time Torn*. It is Sarah Somerset's story and "promises to be as fun, suspenseful and swoon as the first two," says Jeanie.

Jeanie's other published novels are *Time Twist*, Book 1 of the Somerset series, *Chrissy's Catch*, Book 4 of the Christmas Frost series, *As Ever Yours*, and *I Don't Know Why I Did It*, a children's Christmas picture book.

Time Trap and all of Jeanie's books are available digitally and in print through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

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formed by Robson's 3rd great-grandchildren on their ukuleles. The first line reads, "When times get hard we don't give up." Chance Robson, one of Robson's many descendants, sung the verses and the grandchildren learned ukulele especially for the performance.

The program served as a tribute to Robson's pioneer legacy and provided a way for their children and grandchildren to learn of their great heritage. Booklets with pictures and histories helped bring Robson to life for posterity.

Following the program, the family went to Pioneer Park for a picnic and birthday cake, stopping afterward to visit the monument to the founding fathers of Mesa. It was a wonderful event. They consider themselves blessed to among the descendants of Charles Innes Robson I.

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By Hillary Jade Fevrier

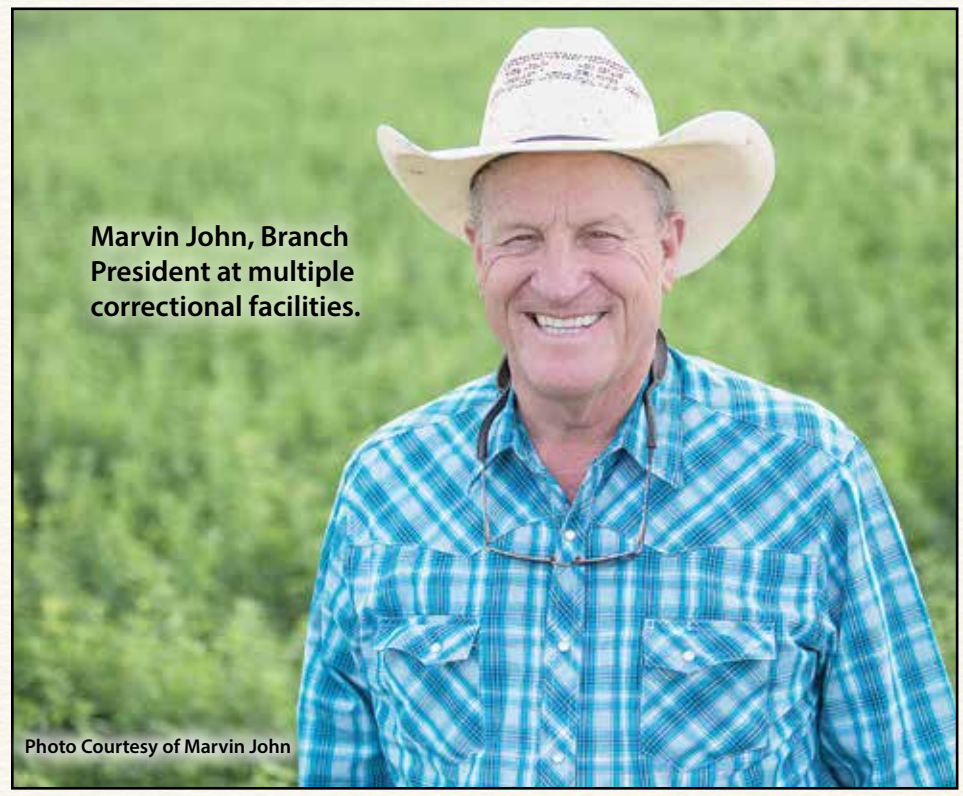
We've all seen it on our screens, we've seen it on the news, we've seen it depicted in fiction and nonfiction programs alike. But what is prison really like for those who are there?

Branch President Marvin John was able to give a glimpse into the Latter-day Saint Branch at Perryville Correctional Facility. Perryville is a women's-only prison located in the southwest corner of the Valley.

The reality of these women is that they live in a very different situation than most of us. While their life experience may be unorthodox, their humanity is just as real and just as important as our own. These women suffer from feelings of isolation, depression, anger and guilt, just to name a few, just like all of us. Another thing that we share in common with the inmates at Perryville is that some of them attend services offered by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

President John oversees operations for not only Perryville, but also for the Arizona State Prison Complex – Lewis. The volunteer and service opportunities at Perryville are plentiful, and President John says there is a great interest and a great need for help.

Some ways to get involved with the Perryville Branch include letter writing or teaching Sunday School.



Marvin John, Branch President at multiple correctional facilities.

Photo Courtesy of Marvin John

Letter writing involves writing snail mail letters to inmates in a "pen pal" style communication. Visitations are heavily regulated at the prison, so many of the women there have little opportunity to connect with anyone aside from the other inmates. Letter writers can be a source of strength and support for women in a difficult situation.

Sunday School teachers are desperately needed at Perryville and other correctional facility locations Valleywide. To become a Sunday School teacher at a correctional facility, a volunteer needs to be pre-screened and background checked, as well as interviewed by their bishop and the high councilor over prisons.

Perhaps these rules and regulations have dissuaded people from participating in this wonderful opportunity in the past, or maybe people simply don't know about this opportunity, but President John says, "People don't understand. [Working in the prison] is a very spiritual ministry. If [the inmates] are sincere, it changes their lives. They are being offered hope in Christ through the atonement."

Our Exemplar taught us that "They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick" (Mark 2:17). Women in Perryville Correctional Facility are in need of helping hands. Branch President Marvin John is eager and available to get volunteers serving the sisters at Perryville. Maybe in some small way, we could be instruments in His hands to help spread the healing of the gospel, wherever that may take us.

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Most of us are familiar with prison only through its depiction on television.

VALLEY TEMPLE SCHEDULES

Mesa Arizona Temple

101 S. LeSueur, Mesa, AZ, 852014
(480) 833-1211

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Gilbert Arizona Temple

3301 S. Greenfield Rd, Gilbert, AZ, 85297
(480) 822-5000

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Distribution center: Inside nearby Deseret Book Store: 2894 S. San Tan Village Pkwy #103, Gilbert

Endowment Sessions

Tuesday - Saturday: Every 45 min from 5:30am – 7:45pm
Spanish Sessions: Tuesday, 7:45pm; Saturday, 8:30am
ASL Session: 3rd Saturday of the month, 11:30am

2020 Temple Closures

Saturday, 4 July
Saturday, 3 October 200
Monday, 5 October - Monday, 26 October
Wednesday, 25 November - Thursday, 26 November
Thursday, 24 December - Friday, 25 December
Thursday, 31 December

Phoenix Arizona Temple

5220 W. Pinnacle Peak Road, Phoenix, AZ 85310
(623) 474-9500

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CORONAVIRUS QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS.

Services

No clothing rental, no cafeteria, no patron housing available. No distribution center nearby

Endowment Sessions

Tuesday & Thursday a.m.: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Tuesday & Thursday p.m.: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30

Wednesday a.m.: 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Wednesday p.m.: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30

Friday a.m.: 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Friday p.m.: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30

Saturday a.m.: 6:00, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30
Saturday p.m.: 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30

Spanish Sessions: Tuesday, 7:30pm; Saturday, 7:30am
ASL Session: 2nd Saturday of the month, 12:00 noon

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Thursday, 26 November
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